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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: CHINA: SCALI-HUAN MEETING SEPT 11

REF: (A) USUN 3129 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 3093 (NOTAL)

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF MAJOR ISSUES IN UPCOMING GA WITH AMBS SCALI AND BENNETT ON SEPT 11, PERMREP HUANG HUA SAID PRC ATTITUDE ON KOREA QUESTION AT UN REFLECTED IN DRAFT ALGERIAN RES (REFTEL A) WHICH CHINA COSPONSORS. THIS RES, HE SAID, CONSISTENT WITH KOREAN RES CHINA COSPONSORED LAST YEAR. IN PRC VIEW, BOTH UNCURK AND UNC ARE STUMBLING BLOCKS TO PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREA SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BY NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA RELIANCE ON THEMSELVES AND NOT ON OUTSIDE TROOPS WHICH USED TO SOLVE "DOMESTIC" PROBLEMS. IT UN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO END ITS ERRONEOUS CHAPTER AND BEGIN CONSTRUCTIVE CHAPTER WHICH WOULD PROMOTE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. HUANG SAID PRC NOTES SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES ASKING

FOR SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS INTO UN AND US SUPPORTS THIS POSITION. CHINA OPPOSES ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS UNDER ANY FORM AND BELIEVES FIRST STEP IS FOR KOREA TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. IN THIS WAY UN WOULD NOT PERPETUATE DIVISION. HUANG SAID THERE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION WHICH EXPRESSED IN RES ADOPTED AT RECENTLY CONCLUDED NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HUANG SAID PRC OPPOSED DEFERMENT LAST YEAR; THIS YEAR IT BELIEVES CONDITIONS ARE RIPE TO ALLOW UN "TO MAKE PROGRESS".

4. AMB SCALI ASKED IF THERE NOT APPARENT CONTRADICTION IN DPRK SEEKING SEPARATE FROM ROK SEAT IN AGENCIES SUCH AS WHO AND THEN REVERSING ITSELF ON MEMBERSHIP IN UN. US CONSIDERS PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA WILL TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME SINCE THERE MANY YEARS OF HOSTILITY AND MUTUAL LACK OF TRUST TO OVERCOME. THEREFORE IT UNREALISTIC TO FORCE BOTH KOREAS TO WAIT FOR UN MEMBERSHIP UNTIL PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION ACHIEVED. SCALI STRESSED UN MEMBERSHIP TWO KOREAS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE LATER REUNIFICATION. HUANG SAID DPRK PARTICIPATION IN SOME SUBSIDIARY UN ORGANS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS TANTAMOUNT TO PERPETUAL DIVISION AND IMPLIED UN MEMBERSHIP WOULD LEAD TO PERPETUAL SEPARATION. HE SAID DPRK ESTABLISHED OBSERVER MISSION TO PREVENT UN ORGANS FROM FURTHER PERPETUATING DIVISION OF KOREA. SCALI, WHO GAVE HUANG COPY OUR OMNIBUS RES (REFTEL B), SAID IF HUANG READ CAREFULLY OUR RES OPERATIVE PARA ON MEMBERSHIP, HE WOULD SEE WE NOT INSISTING ON UN MEMBERSHIP BUT ONLY THAT BOTH SIDES CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP.

5. ON SUBJECT OF US PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA, HUANG SAID CHINA CONSIDERS IT A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO RELY ON LOCAL RESOURCES AND NOT OUTSIDE FORCES TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY. ON THIS POINT, HUANG SAID US AND PRC POSITIONS VERY FAR APART.

6. SCALI REFERRED TO NEW ALGERIAN RES ON KOREA AND SAID IT NOW CALLED FOR DISSOLUTION OF UNC. AS UNC IS SIGNATORY TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, HOW DOES CHINA PROPOSE TO FIND AN ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT TO ENFORCEMENT OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT? HUANG SAID ARMISTICE WOULD RESULT FROM DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS
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OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA; THESE TALKS WOULD EASE TENSIONS ON PENINSULA AND THIS WOULD LEAD TO PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. THIS WOULD TAKE TIME, HUANG SAID, BUT AS LONG AS OUTSIDE FORCES DO NOT INTERFERE, OBJECTIVE WOULD BE ACHIEVED.

7. AFTER SHORT DISCUSSION OF OTHER UNGA ISSUES, HUANG, WHO HAD BEEN STUDYING OUR OMNIBUS RES ON KOREA, ASKED TO REVERT TO DISCUSSION OF KOREAN QUESTION. HE SAID IT

APPARENT OUR TWO RESES FAR APART. WHEN THESE TWO RESES PLACED BEFORE GA, WIDE CONTROVERSIES WOULD ARISE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ASKED SCALI WHAT FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS HE HAD.

8. SCALI REPLIED THAT WE CONSIDER NEW VERSION OF ALGERIAN RES TO BE MORE EXTREME THAN LAST YEAR'S AND US PREPARED TO OPPOSE IT VIGOROUSLY. THIS AN ISSUE THAT DEALS WITH PEACE AND SECURITY AND WOULD THEREFORE REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN UNGA (PLENARY). US PREPARED TO EXPEND MAJOR EFFORT TO DEFEAT ALGERIAN RES. SCALI SAID HE ASSUMED BOTH US AND CHINA'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROMOTE STABILITY AND EVENTUAL KOREAN UNIFICATION. IN THIS CONNECTION DID HUANG HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?

9. HUANG REPLIED THAT US SHOULD STUDY ALGERIAN RES WHICH HE SAID WAS NOT AS EXTREME AS SCALI HAD CHARACTERIZED IT. SCALI ASSURED HUANG THAT US SIDE HAD STUDIED RES AND WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY RES. HOWEVER, RES NOW HAD SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO TERMINATION OF UNC. WE VIEWED UNC DISSOLUTION WITH CONCERN IN ABSENCE OF ANY ALTERNATE PLANS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS. ALGERIAN RES SEEKS A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN VERY SHORT TIME AND HUANG WELL KNOWS IT CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS. SCALI SEVERAL TIMES ASSERTED THAT US TROOPS ARE AN AGENT OF STABILITY. HUNAG CONCLUDED CONVERSATION THAT IT VERY DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON THIS FINAL POINT.

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